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To follow is the official response to the restriction requirement for:

In te application of: Jennifer L. Elster et al.

Application No.: 10/695,235 Filing Date: October 28, 2003

Title of Invention: Fiber-Optic Flow Cell and Method Relating Thereto

Group Art Unit: 2874

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. L8

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RESTRICTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 6, 2004, applicants acknowledge the restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121, wherein Group I, claims 1-42, 51 and 52, are drawn to a flow cell, classified in class 385, subclass 37; and Group II, claims 43-50, are drawn to a process for measurement, classified in class 356, subclass 243.1.

Applicants elect the claims of Group I, viz claims 1-42, 51 and 52, without traverse. It is understood that claims 43-50 will be withdrawn from consideration as directed to a non-elected invention, applicants reserving the right to file a divisional application thereon.

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Conclusion

Applicant has responded to all questions raised by the Examiner and the application is in condition for substantive examination.

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